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Teens Charged Destructive Spree

Old James. R. Nelson, both of Smithfield, were each charged with multiple counts of burglary, destruction of property and theft. Benham was charged with cruelty to animals, a misdemeanor, in the death of the puppy.

The two are part of a group of about 10 Cache County youngsters, all friends, who allegedly have vandalized the building off and on since September, Yonk says. Some also are suspected of mutilating other animals.

Last month, officials allege, the pair nearly destroyed the entire contents of the old factory, which was converted into a warehouse.

"They broke anything they could get their hands on," said Tom Lindgren, a paleontologist who owns the building. "They broke out any window that wasn't in. They tore doors off the hinges."

Lindgren used half of the building to store dinosaur fossils he excavated and leased the other half to the American Diabetes Associ-

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Kennecott to Wipe Out, Replace Wetlands

By Jim Woolf
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Kennecott is proposing a 2,500-acre nature preserve near the south shore of the Great Salt Lake to compensate for wetlands that will be destroyed by its tailings-pond expansion.

The preserve would include an expanse of mud flats, shallow ponds and desert scrub located several miles northeast of the Saltair beaches. Although desolate in appearance and often swarming with mosquitoes, this type of habitat is essential for the survival of millions of sandpipers, avocets and other wading birds that stop at the Great Salt Lake each spring and fall during their migration.

An education center at the preserve would "describe the ecosystem, what was done to enhance the area, the kinds of birds that use the area and how important it is," said Preston Chiaro, vice president of technical service for Kennecott Utah Copper Corp.

Land already has been purchased by the copper company, but work on the preserve will not begin until the U.S. Army

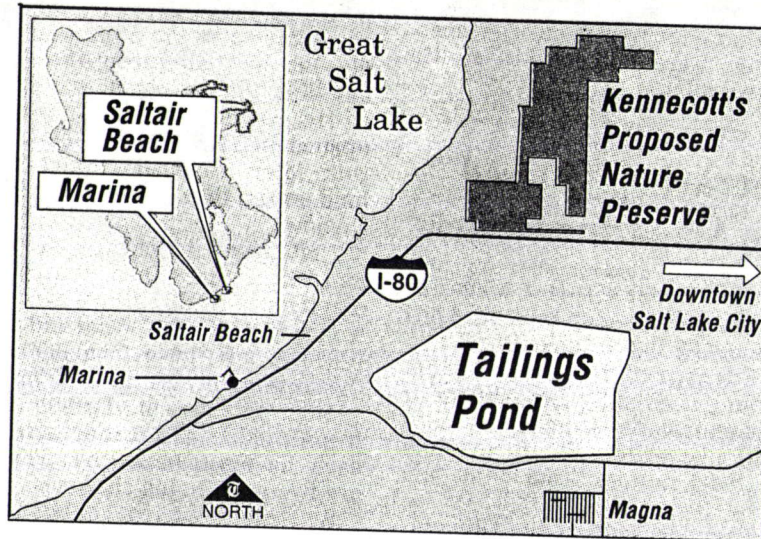
Corps of Engineers decides whether to authorize expansion of the tailings pond. This could occur late this year.

If approved, Kennecott would clean up the preserve, fence the property to keep out cattle, and deliver water to the old stream channels and ponds to improve wildlife habitat. An interpretive center, restrooms, and hiking trails would be built for visitors.

"This area is a remnant of the Jordan River flood plain," said Chiaro. "Most of the land is dry right now, but the natural plumbing already is in place. It just needs the water."

Kennecott is trying to persuade a group such as The Nature Conservancy or Audubon Society to operate the preserve. An endowment is being offered

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to help cover management costs.

The company's current tailings pile is 200 feet high and covers almost 5,700 acres just north of Magna. Tailings are the sandlike material that remains after all of the valuable minerals have been removed from the crushed rock.

Safety concerns prevent the tailings from being piled higher, so Kennecott has proposed expanding its tailings pile to the north and west toward Interstate 80. The additional 4,100 acres of tailings ponds would provide enough space for another 25 to 30 years of operations. Cost of the project is more than \$500 million.

But the tailings-pile expansion would destroy about 1,000 acres of mud flats, ponds and marshes. Federal laws require companies that destroy wetlands to offset or "mitigate" the loss by creating or improving a similar type of wetlands somewhere else. The nature preserve is Kennecott's compensation for the lost wetlands.

The Corps of Engineers, which administers the wetlands-protection law, is preparing an environmental impact statement that looks at the tailings-pond-expansion proposal and Kennecott's mitigation plan. A preliminary

draft of that document should be released for public review in June or July.

Elise Peterson, vice president of the newly formed Friends of the Great Salt Lake, said her group was briefed on the project but took no official position.

She is worried about the continuing loss of natural habitat along the lake's shore but feels nothing can be done to block Kennecott's expansion. The proposed nature preserve would "make the best out of a bad situation," said Peterson.

Penny Thomas, an avid Salt Lake bird watcher, said Kennecott's talk about the nature preserve should not distract from the serious environmental questions raised by the tailings-pond expansion proposal.

"This is being portrayed as the creation of a really cool wetlands area, not that they were going to dump another 1.9 billion tons of waste out there. I object to them dumping it," she said.

A group of sun bathers who enjoy the secluded beaches north of Saltair has raised concerns that creation of the nature preserve will result in closure of dirt roads that wind through the area. This would make it harder to get to their favorite areas.

Kennecott's nature preserve would be similar to a recently completed wetlands project near the Salt Lake City International Airport. That project, which appears to have been successful, was mitigation for wetlands lost during construction of the airport's new runway.

Woods Cross Dealing With an Identity Complex

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cation program with businesses in town, with Woods Cross doing the initial landscaping or cleanup and the businesses maintaining it.

"If they get off the freeway, they can see we've worked very hard on our image," Larrabee said.

Woods Cross may look like a jumble of neighborhoods, indus-

*"I always say that I'm
from Woods Cross [and]
Bountiful's my suburbs."*

CHARLIE PAYNE, 67

urbs," said Charlie Payne, a 67-year-old resident.

Like many Utah towns, Woods Cross bears little resemblance to its early years, though is still a stronghold of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

"You don't know people like you used to," said 75-year-old Ruth Cleverly, a lifelong resident. "In our little stake down here there are five wards. There used to be one. You don't hardly know

Teens Charged After Vandalism Spree

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ation to store its haunted-house props for Halloween. That section also had painted backdrops for a local theater company.

On Feb. 7 and 8, at least two of the teen group broke into the warehouse and poured 75 gallons of high-pigment theatrical paint over the backdrops and down the stairs, Lindgren said. They also allegedly rode a four-wheel recreational vehicle out of the building. On Feb. 9, Benham allegedly killed the dog.

Shortly after, Benham was arrested and put in detention for about a week for the vandalism, Yonk said. The boy also was arrested after allegedly bringing the butterfly knife to school.

On Feb. 22, Benham and Nelson hit the building again, authorities claim. This time, the damage was extensive, Yonk said. They allegedly threw bricks through the

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The Salt Lake Tribune notes the following births by parents' names, residence, sex of baby, birth date and hospital. Relatives and friends wishing to purchase extra copies of today's *Tribune* in commemoration of a birth can do so by calling 237-2931.

ALLRED, Diana and Mark, Tooele, son, March 22, St. Mark's Hospital, Salt Lake City.

AMOS, Christy, Salt Lake City, daughter, March 25, FHP Hospital, Salt Lake City.

ANDERSON, Windy and Adam, Sandy, son, March 25, Alta View Hospital, Sandy.

BECKSTEAD, Krisanne and Austin, Salt Lake City, son, March 25, Cottonwood Hospital, Murray.

BELL, Tamara and Dana, Salt Lake City, daughter, March 23, Salt Lake Regional Medical Center, Salt Lake City.

BETHERS, Jenae and Mark, Centerville, son, March 23, Salt Lake Regional Medical Center, Salt Lake City.

BISHOP, Lynda and Mark, Salt Lake City, daughter, March 24, St. Mark's Hospital, Salt Lake City.

BOAZ, Barbara and MADSEN, Jesse, Salt Lake City, daughter, March 26, FHP Hospital, Salt Lake City.

BOLLINGER, Ladawn and Steven, Salt Lake City, daughter, March 25, Alta View Hospital, Sandy.

BOYTER, Melrie, Bennion, daughter, March 24, Salt Lake Regional Medical Center, Salt Lake City.

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